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A Happy New Year to All!

Carrier's Address

TO THE

FRIENDS AND PATRONS

OF

THE BRUSSELS POST.

Oh wondrous gift of Carrier Boys!
When thoughts all run to measure,
Who sing as though the days but brought
A round of careless pleasure.

'Twere something worth this lesson rare,
Of cheerfulness in giving!
Confess the debt, and show the boy
Your cheerfulness in giving.

CAROL.

Happy New Year
To this household !
Happy greeting
All who hear!
May the door by
Which we enter,
Let in blessing,
Shut out fear.
Blessing on the
Sire who this day
Sips the sweets of
Home delight ;
May no care, like
Croaking raven,
Flap its dark wing
'Cross his sight.
Blessing on the
Gentle mother!
Guardian angel
Of the home !

Loving heart, whose
Prayers will wander
Down the paths the
Wayward roam.
Oh ! if through those
Darkened pathways
Travel feet you
Would have stayed.
May the New Year
Bring returning
Of the wandering
Ones that strayed.
Happy New Year
To the children !
Flowers within
Your garden wall,
Sheltered here, nor
Blight nor sorrow
On their budding
Beauty fall.

CARRIER'S WISH.

A happy wish, suggested by the times,
And apropos of dollars and of dimes.

Imprimis, then: To all, both far and near,
A HAPPY NEW YEAR, and the best of cheer;
With many bon-bons for the girls and boys.
And to their fathers more substantial joys—
Bank stock, farm-houses, city lots and ships
That make quick, safe and profitable trips.

Secundus, though first in thought (confession rash,)
Cash for the carrier!—for the carrier CASH!!
Please heed this humble verse, nor deem it strange
That in a changing world he asks for CHANGE!
Nor think it wrong when canvass-backs are dear,
Should he for greenbacks canvass once a year!
Trust me, the dollars which he gathers thus
Will make no generous patron *dolor-ous*
Nor will *your* sunshine be to-day more dim
For the few rays you may bestow on HIM.

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